

GIRL MURDERED
AT BENNINGTON
MOST BRUTALLY

Ethel Mahan, Aged Four Years,
Was Probably Victim of
Criminal Assault Also.
Body Found Last Night
With Throat Cut From Ear
to Ear.

UNCLE ARRESTED
ON SUSPICION

Crime Committed Late Yes-
terday in Secluded Cut of
Rutland Railroad in North
Bennington and Thomas
Mahan Was Arrested Last
Night. He Denies Guilt.

Bennington, April 29.—A brutal murder, following a criminal assault or attempted assault on little four-year-old Ethel Mahan, daughter of German Mahan of North Bennington, last night stirred this section of the state to-day, as it has not been stirred since the murder of Marcus Rogers five years ago by his wife, Mary Rogers. An uncle of the child, Thomas Mahan, aged 23 years, is now under arrest on suspicion of having been concerned in the crime and will be given a hearing as soon as report comes from the state laboratory at Burlington. The murder took place in a secluded cut of the Rutland railroad in North Bennington and was revealed after considerable search had been made for the little girl when she did not return home. Either a razor or a very sharp knife was the weapon used.

Ethel's father, German Mahan, and Thomas Hunt went fishing on Lake Pond yesterday and spent practically the entire day at that place, a small body of water in North Bennington. During the afternoon they were joined by Thomas Mahan, a brother of German. They continued fishing for a time and then the latter Mahan said they were hungry, whereupon Thomas volunteered to go to German's house to get something to eat. He started off and soon returned with dinner for the men, being accompanied on the return by Ethel Mahan.

Came Back Without Girl.
After waiting around for a little time Thomas started back toward German's house, accompanied by his little niece. Later Thomas showed up at his brother's house without the girl, saying that when they had got half way home Ethel said she wanted to go back to her father. Thomas said that he left her and continued on the way alone.

At length the child's father came home, likewise without the girl. A search was soon instituted, and at eight o'clock last night the body of the child with throat cut from ear to ear, was discovered in the Rutland railroad cut. An examination of the body also showed a criminal assault had been made or attempted. The body was lying in a pool of blood. The spot was not more than fifteen rods from Long pond, where her father had been fishing with Hunt, although the place was secluded and entirely cut off from view from the pond.

Stain on Thomas' Shirt Sleeves.
Thomas Mahan was suspected of the crime, as was also another brother, who had been in the insane asylum. But evidence developed which led the authorities to believe that the latter had nothing to do with the case, it being thought that he had not left the house. Then Thomas was searched out. He was arrested at ten o'clock last night by Sheriff Godfrey. There were some stains on the young man's shirt sleeves which the sheriff thought looked like blood, and the apparel has been sent to the state laboratory to determine whether or not it is blood. A doctor is also coming to perform an autopsy on the body of the victim.

Prisoner Denies the Crime.
Meanwhile Thomas Mahan stoutly denies that he knows anything about the crime and he makes the denial with quite a strong assurance. No instrument which could have been used to cut the child's throat was found on his person. Young Mahan is employed at the plant of the H. B. Cushman company, manufacturers of mission furniture. His reputation is a little against him.

The murder victim was a bright, pretty girl and was quite large for her four years. The double crime has caused a great deal of excitement here.

TRAMP ALSO ARRESTED.

As Suspect in the Bennington Murder Case.

Bennington, April 29.—A half-witted tramp was lodged in jail here this morning suspected of murdering four-year-old Ethel Mahan, whose body was found in the bushes near the North Bennington cemetery yesterday afternoon with her throat cut. The body showed no other injuries. She was talking a walk with her uncle, when she left him to call on a friend. The uncle is held as a witness.

ANOTHER CASE
AT THE "FALLS"

Small Pox Spreads Along the
Dog River

SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

And Church Services Are Cut Out—Man
Who Came to Barre From West
Berlin Taken Back Last
Night.

Northfield Falls, April 29.—Another case of small pox has developed in this village, making two here. The second victim is William Gilpin, and the first is Ernest Luther, both young boys. The village authorities have ordered all the schools closed, and likewise church services have been discontinued, including prayer meetings.

The Luther boy attended a school where there were forty pupils, and it is supposed that all of them were exposed to the disease. There has been a wide circle of vaccination in the West Berlin, and in Northfield village. When Dr. Holton of the state board of health returns from Brattleboro he will arrange for a pest house at West Berlin, in which to take care of the cases. Eight houses in that village have been placed under quarantine. The Keyes store has been closed, as Mrs. Keyes has the infection. Although there are three persons seriously ill, Dr. Holton does not expect there will be any deaths.

RETURNS TO QUARAN-
TINE AT WEST BERLIN

Patrick Cleary Says He Left That Place
for Barre the Day Before Small
Pox Was Named.

Patrick Cleary, who came to Barre last week from West Berlin found a hard time finding lodgings here and finally on advice of the local authorities consented to go back to West Berlin, being driven there last night. Cleary's child is ill and is said to be suffering with the small pox. His house is quarantined, but Cleary claims that he left home the day before quarantine was declared to come to this city for a periodic treatment of a lung trouble. He says furthermore that he had no desire to break through the health restriction. The landlady of the house, where he put up here, was all stirred up because of her other boarders started to leave. Her predicament was told to the city authorities who thought some of building an addition at the poor farm, but Cleary didn't fall in with the plan and said he was willing to go back with in the quarantine lines at West Berlin. He went last night.

SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY.

Thomas Kesson Surrounded By Friends
Saturday Night.

When Thomas Kesson reached his home on Friday night Saturday evening he was surprised to find the house filled with people. Then he remembered it was his 33rd birthday. Forty or more friends had gathered to remind him of it. As a fitting remembrance the friends presented a beautiful merrymaking pipe and cigar case, the presentation speech being made by J. D. Mart, with Mr. Kesson responding fittingly.

Then the remainder of the evening was spent enjoyably with singing, games and dancing. Among those who sang were Mrs. Sora, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Ingram, William Emille, Charles W. McMillan and Robert. Ingis, Alexander Crickland gave several fine vocal solos and also played for the dancing. Refreshments were served during the evening.

RAILROAD TRACK
WAS BADLY GUTTED

By Landslide at McIndoes Falls Yesterday—Had Been Watched for Several Days.

St. Johnsbury, April 29.—Trains from the south were delayed yesterday by a landslide eighty feet long and from fourteen to sixteen feet deep which occurred one mile south of McIndoes Falls just after the southbound express had passed. The place had been watched for several days. The track and highway were torn away.

The slide is so bad that it may not be cleared and repairs made by tomorrow. The trains are now run by the way of Whitefield, N. H. and Scott's Junction.

MIDDLEBURY LICENSEES.

All Three Hotels Given Privilege to Sell
Liquor.

Middlebury, April 29.—John O'Connor, Charles M. Remole and Gardner S. Wainwright, license commissioners, met Saturday and granted first class licenses to John Higgins of the Addison house, John H. Sargent of the Sargent house, and Joseph W. Lawrence of hotel Logan, and a 4th class, or druggists' license to Isaac Stern, Messrs. Lawrence, Higgins and Sterns have had similar licenses the past year and Mr. Sargent had the first license issued in the state in the first license year, when he was proprietor of hotel Logan. George E. Kidder of the village and Clinton W. Tisdale, proprietor of the Green Mountain house at East Middlebury, were the two applicants who were turned down, the latter having applied for a third class license. The fee for a first class license was placed at \$1,000 and that for the druggists' license at \$50.

PROMINENT CITIZEN
OF NORTHFIELD DEAD

Hon. George Nichols Had Been Ill For a
Long Time With Kidney and Liver
Trouble—Held Many Offices.

Northfield, April 29.—Hon. George Nichols died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock at his home on Main street after a long illness from kidney and liver troubles. For the past four months he had been confined to the bed. On Saturday afternoon he began to fail rapidly.

Hon. George Nichols was born in Northfield in April 17, 1827, and had therefore just passed his eightieth birthday. He was educated at Newbury seminary and taught school for some time. In 1848 he was appointed state librarian by Governor Colbridge, which position he held until 1853. He studied medicine with Dr. S. W. Thayer and graduated from the Vermont Medical college at Woodstock in 1853, after which he began his medical profession combined with the apothecary and drug-gist business and met with much success.

He served through the Civil War as a surgeon of the thirtieth Vermont. In politics he was a staunch Republican and was appointed secretary of state by Governor Smith in 1865, which position he held for nearly twenty years. In 1870 he was elected a member and president of the constitutional convention. He was also a delegate of the national Republican convention in 1872.

He had been a director of the Northfield National bank since 1868, which position he held at the time of his death, having held the office of president and vice-president. He has held all the municipal offices which are worthy of mention.

He was married in April 1852 to Ellen M. Blake of Vergennes who died in September 1905. They had two children who died in infancy. He has always been an active member of St. Mary's Episcopal church. He was a member of De Witt Clinton lodge, No. 15, A. F. of M. The arrangements have not yet been made for the funeral.

EARLY TRIAL REFUSED.

Mrs. E. C. Smith Charged With Forgery
at Bennington.

Bennington, April 29.—An adjourned term of the county court was held here Saturday to listen to the petition for trial of counsel for Mrs. E. C. Smith, who has been in jail here since September, charged with forging the name of E. C. Smith & Co. of Boston.

Mrs. Smith is held under \$1,000 bail. It is alleged that she made the checks for her husband, who was arrested with her; that he signed them and then she attempted to pass them.

The state attorney filed information against her which Judge Hall refused to accept, as there was no law that authorized the impounding of New York's jury for trial of the case, and none of the original jury was left when the adjournment was taken. The case was continued until the term of the court which will meet in Manchester the first Tuesday in June.

The husband of Mrs. Smith, who was in jail here several months, escaped from the institution on New York's morning. She is now in the house of correction at Rutland, having been removed there by order of Gov. Proctor.

HURLED A HAMMER
IN JEALOUS RAGE

Joseph Brissette Didn't Like George Du-
pont's Attentions to Mrs. Bres-
ette and Broke His Frontal
Bone With Weapon.

Burlington, April 29.—Joseph Brissette, full of jealous rage over the attentions of George Dupont to Mrs. Brissette, yesterday morning hurled a hammer on his guest's head and in consequence the victim of the assault is now in Mary Fletcher hospital suffering from a fracture of the frontal bone. It has not yet been determined how seriously his injury will terminate.

The assault was the sequel to a Saturday night brawl at the home of the Brissettes on Battery street. Brissette and Dupont, who lives at Lakeside, married sisters. Dupont came up from Lakeside to spend the week-end at his brother-in-law's. The night was spent in carousal.

Thinking that Dupont's attentions to Mrs. Brissette had gone too far, the irate husband yesterday morning seized a hammer and struck Dupont in the middle of the forehead, the blow felling the victim to the floor. Help was summoned and Dr. B. J. A. Bombard removed Dupont to the latter's home at Lakeside. An examination of the injury showed that the frontal bone had been fractured by the blow and in order that the injured man might receive better care he was removed to the Mary Fletcher hospital.

Both Brissette and his wife were arrested and locked up, he for assault and she for intoxication.

MONTPELIER CLUB WON.

Defeated Dog River Club at Northfield
Saturday Afternoon.

The competition between the Montpelier club and the Dog River club which was held at the King street traps at Northfield Saturday afternoon resulted in a victory for the Montpelier shooters by a total of 399 to 382 out of a possible hundred clay pigeons, 10 yard rise at unknown angles.

W. P. Springer of Northfield club was the high man with 93 birds out of a possible hundred and B. A. Eastman of this city was a strong second, breaking 85 of the hundred at unknown angles. Dr. C. H. Burr was third with 85.

This shoot was for a silver cup which was placed in the custody of B. A. Eastman as he was the high gun of the winning club and Mr. Eastman was also the winner of a second prize for the day's tournament.

The individual scores of the Montpelier team were as follows: Eastman 85, Burr 85, Walton 78, Bennett 76, McGrath 75.

NEW PASTOR
IS GREETED

Dr. E. O. Thayer at Hedding
Methodist Church

COMES FROM SPRINGFIELD

He Addressed Two Large Audiences Yes-
terday On Assuming Pastorate Re-
cently vacated by the Rev.
R. F. Lowe.

A congregation that filled the Hedding Methodist Episcopal church greeted the new pastor, the Rev. E. O. Thayer, when he preached his initial sermon yesterday morning. The preacher took his text from Galatians, the third chapter and 26th verse, the subject being "The Sons of God."

At the evening service the pastor took his text from Isaiah 42-4. "He Shall Not Fail or Be Discouraged," and from this text preached an able evangelical sermon.



THE REV. E. O. THAYER.

to a good-sized congregation. He said that the text did not refer to man, as even the greatest of men were bound to fail at times, citing as examples, Washington, who lost more battles than he won, and Napoleon who, although he won more battles than he lost, at last lost at Waterloo and died an exile.

He said that the text referred not to man, but to Christ the son of God, who never failed. He said that all who appeared successful were not so in all things, and on the other hand that when Christ was crucified he was raised to the throne of glory and has remained there ever since, although there were times in Christ's life on earth when He seemed to have failed.

But Christ did not fail in His great purpose when he gave his life for the sake of the world, that Christ came to bring heaven and earth and to save all people, and not to compromise with the devil and save only part of them. He came not to save the earth in its sin but from all sin, and that the only real success in life was to do God's will.

He spoke again of the apparent success of some people using alcohol, Druse as an example of the rapid decline from fame as an example of the little real value of earthly success. He spoke of Christ's apparent failure and real secret success as He was all the time on earth doing his father's work and said that we fail because we do not know where Christ leaves all.

Dr. Thayer spoke of the many failures because of people not being in the right positions, might be called them, saying that some preachers would make better blacksmiths or carpenters while many of the latter might make able preachers. He said that we should be patient, that no matter how hard we worked Christ was never discouraged, and that people should follow His example and not mind the fault finders as there were "croakers" at all times.

In closing he said that the best countries were the Christian countries and that the United States, Germany and England as the highest examples, all Protestant Christian countries. And also mentioned the large number that were saved in some places, notably the Five Points mission in New York city, where thousands have been started on the right path and making success of their lives which had previously been all a failure.

30th ANNIVERSARY
OF THEIR WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. James Ewen Surprised By
Party of Friends at Their Home on
Orange St. Saturday Evening.

To bring to memory old friends and incidents of more youthful days, the friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Ewen called on them at their home on Orange street Saturday evening in honor of the 30th anniversary of their wedding. The party gathered about 3 o'clock, and on returning from down town Mr. and Mrs. Ewen were much surprised to find their home full of people. By request of those present and in their behalf, ex-Mayor William Barclay presented Mr. and Mrs. Ewen a handsome china tea set, to which presentation Mr. Ewen responded in a few words. A lunch, consisting of sandwiches, coffee and cake, was served and the evening was enjoyed in music and playing whist and dices. At about 12 o'clock after singing "Auld Lang Syne" the visitors left for their homes, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Ewen many happy returns of the day.

UNION LABEL AND UNIONISM.

A Plea to the Workingmen of Barre By
Barre Man.

To those of you who are members of trades unions, and who pride yourselves on your unionism these few words are penned.

You have lately given an example of what can be done by collective action, to wit—the recent street railway dispute. And in carrying out the aims of organized labor to its logical conclusion insofar as it relates to the industrial side of this question you have as the old song says, "got a long way to go."

Let me point out what may be expected from a man who claims the title of a union man. To appear at the monthly meeting of his union, take the obligation, pay his dues every month, and never attend another meeting, (until a lockout is in the wind) does not constitute a union man. To enter the stores of our merchants and purchase commodities that do not bear the union label does not constitute a union man. No, my friends, these men are merely "members of the union," and are generally more interested in base ball and foot ball than they are in their own interests.

To claim the title of a union man you are expected to be a good standing, good attending, member of your organization. You should be prepared to accept a challenge at all times as to whether you wear union-made clothes, shoes, hats, caps, etc. If married, you are expected to engrave those principles upon the "thinking powers" of your better half. If you happen to be the officer of a union and are aware of the fact that there is such a thing as a union label, and you willfully neglect to purchase union-made goods, you are a traitor to the labor movement, and stand in the same category as the employer who hires scabs. These are harsh words, my brother workmen, but nevertheless true, as you will readily admit when it is pointed out to you, that if a union man does not produce the necessities of your life, such as food, clothing, etc., they must be produced by the non-unionist or scab. You see as you move along that from time to time, though nominally a workman, you become an employer of labor, and when you reckon on some \$3,000,000 organized workmen in this country you realize what a mighty force is, or should be, working for the abolition of your penal, sweat-bell, and child labor system.

Alex Ironside, Barre, Vt.

WEEKLY PAY

Is Advocated By James Mutch For All
City Employers.

Editor Barre Daily Times: Please allow me space in your valuable paper to present the following to the voters of the city of Barre:

A city meeting has been called to be held this evening, Monday, April 29, to act on the salaries to be paid out, mayor, aldermen, etc., also to transact any other business that may come before that meeting. In view of the fact that we, the voters of the city of Barre used all the influence we could produce to have weekly payments made a law in our last legislature and have been satisfied with the work of our representatives and senator on that bill, it would seem that it would be proper to have the city meeting to decide that our city employees receive their pay weekly.

It is not very consistent of us to require our employers to pay weekly when we do not all the while same course with our own employers. Therefore let the voters turn out to-night and vote for weekly payments to the employees of the city. I remain your sincerely, James Mutch.

WAS MUCH BELOVED.

Funeral of Everett E. Rock Was Held
Yesterday.

Webster, April 29.—The community was saddened to learn of the death at an early hour on Friday morning the 26th of Everett E. Rock, the beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rock. The deceased was an estimable young man, twenty years and seven months old.

He was born in Quincy, Mass., but came here with his parents when a child. His kind and loving disposition soon won for him the friendship of his school companions and playmates, as well as all the persons whom he, in his short journey through life, became acquainted with. During his illness with rheumatism, which caused his demise, and from which he has been a great sufferer for the past six years, he displayed the fortitude which was ever the characteristic of his disposition. He bore up bravely, never giving up his courage or complaining, which made the burden of his long illness and sufferings so much easier and less trying on his parents. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

The funeral was held from his late home Sunday at 2 o'clock, the Rev. W. A. Kenzie of Barre officiating. The burial was in the Wilson cemetery. The choir was: Mrs. John Crawford, Miss Mabel Edwards, Miss Ida Fletcher, Robert Willard and Arthur Edwards. The bearers were John Boyce, James Boyce, William Thorne and Arthur Edwards, who were life-long companions of the deceased.

He leaves to mourn his loss his father and mother, four brothers and three sisters, all of this place. The floral tributes were as follows: Wreath from father and mother bearing the words "Son of a hero"; pillow from brothers and sisters, bearing the word "Brother"; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Keith, carnations; Mr. and Mrs. William Eager, carnations; Mr. and Mrs. A. Nolan, carnations; Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Crowley, carnations; Mrs. Annie Thom, roses; Misses Ida and Elsie Raycroft, carnations; Master Alfred Lawson, carnations; Miss Gladys Watson, carnations; James and Miss Agnes Lawson, roses; Mrs. Philgate, carnations; Mrs. Minnie Boyce, broken wreath flowers, calla lilies and roses; Mr. and Mrs. F. Labounty, calla lilies and roses; Mr. and Mrs. W. Blanchard, calla lilies and roses; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Osburn, carnations; a beautiful pillow bearing the words "At rest" was presented by the following: Mr. and Mrs. George Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Amerson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. James Gunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patnaude, Miss Loretta Donahue, Mrs. J. Wilkie, Mrs. M. Zetter, Mr. and Mrs. William McKennie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Willard, Mr. and Mrs. John Boyce, M. Duguy, Mr. and Mrs. William Beach, Mr. and Mrs. A. Macchia, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Teahout, John Cordick, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Talley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cardick, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bonineau and Mr. and Mrs. John Cordick.

INTERCITY
TEAM CHOSEN

With Exception of Second
Base and Pitchers

WILL REPORT THIS WEEK

Manager Daley Thinks He Has Got To-
gether a Fast Bunch—There Are a
Few Familiar Names Among
Them.

The Intercity base ball team that will represent Barre and Montpelier in the New Hampshire league has been completed with the exception of the pitchers and second base. The make-up thus far is as follows:

James Ball, catcher.
Dan Shea, catcher.
W. J. Quinn, third base.
"Bill" Cotter, left field.
Ed. Rudolph, center field.
Sharpley, outfielder.
B. B. James, pitcher.
Frank Jennings, short stop.

One of the pitchers will probably play right field, and a catcher will also be called upon to play first base. Warner, last season's Intercity pitcher, is also a possibility, and it is believed he will come.

Manager Daley announces that Vermont pitchers will be given a tryout, and if they "make good" will be given a chance. Among those who will try are Peter Clement of Hardwick, also an outfielder; Ralph Laird, St. Johnsbury's mainstay in the box and a granite cutter; Worthen of Morrisville. Daley is also in communication with others.

Of the regular players, James is a six foot semi-professional who played last summer in Canada. Shea is a hard worker and was recommended by Dan O'Neil of the Springfield, Mass., team. Jennings is a possibility for captain, played four years on his college team, the last two as captain; he signed with Ottawa last summer, but crossed wires prevented. Quinn formerly played on the Northampton team with "Tom" Stankard. Cotter was formerly with Rutland and Plattsburg. Rudolph is a brother of the man who played with Rutland and has been playing in New York state. Sharpley comes from Essex Junction and has been playing with a Pennsylvania league.

On reporting the team will practice twice daily until the opening of the season. Next Saturday they will play Goddard seminary, on Monday Montpelier seminary, Tuesday and Wednesday the Calgary, Canada team, on Thursday the Norwich university team. On Saturday the Intercity goes to New Hampshire to open the league schedule.

BARRE MERCHANT
FAILS FOR \$8,211.58

J. D. Yandow on Saturday Filed a Peti-
tion in Bankruptcy—He Conduct-
ed a Meat and Grocery Store.

Joseph D. Yandow who recently came to this city from Winooski and opened a meat and grocery store in the A. Thomas building on North Main street, on Saturday filed a petition in bankruptcy in the district clerk's office in Burlington, the store having been previously closed as a result of his liabilities of \$8,211.58 with \$4,270 secured and \$3,941.58 unsecured. He sets up his assets at \$8,246.70, with \$929 claimed as exempt.

POOR POWER SERVICE.

Break Downs Every Day For Three
Days.

Users of power from the Vermont Electric Co.'s power plant have been bothered for several days by continual break downs somewhere on the line or at the power station causing a loss of power to many users. On Friday the power was off at four different times during the day and on Saturday was off six times. Today it has been off two times. The company furnishes power to operate the Times plant and while it is off we cannot operate linotypes or any of the machinery necessary to the production of the Times with the result that the paper suffers. The electric company promises to have everything in shape in a few days when we will be able to give our readers the usual amount of news.

ALEXANDER PUCCI

Death of Barre Man Saturday Night
After Illness of "Great Trouble"

Alexander Pucci died Saturday night at his home in the O. Tomasi block, after an illness with "great trouble." The deceased was born in Carare, Italy, Feb. 22, 1841 and came to this country 23 years ago. He had been a resident of Barre for the past ten years. He is survived by a wife and one daughter. The funeral will be held from the home at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Burial in the Catholic cemetery.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

G. E. Marsh of the express office visited friends in St. Albans over Sunday.

H. F. Lanier of Northfield was in the city on business today.

Among the arrivals at the City hotel today were J. A. Bond and James A. Milla, Burlington; J. S. Whittemore, J. W. Lindsey, Boston; L. O. Golden, Portland, Me.